

REMARKS

I. Examiner Interview Summary

Applicant acknowledges, with appreciation, the opportunity for the telephonic interview conducted on October 6, 2010, between the undersigned and Examiner Chen. During the interview the status of pending claims was discussed. The substance of Applicant's remarks and the Examiner's response and suggestions are reflected in the proposed claim amendments and remarks below. The following remarks also reflect Applicant's response to the Examiner Interview Summary, mailed on October 12, 2010.

II. Amendments to the Claims

Claims 24-41 and 43-46 were previously pending. Applicant proposes cancelling claim 26 and amending independent claims 24 and 39 by incorporating elements of pending claim 27, amending claim 27 by incorporating some features of pending claim 24, and amending claim 28 to depend from claim 24, instead of claim 26. No new matter has been introduced by the amendments. Upon entry of the amendments, claims 24, 25, 27-41, and 43-46 will be pending and under examination.

III. Office Action

Applicant respectfully traverses the objection and rejections set forth in the Final Office Action, wherein the Examiner:

- (1) objected to claim 27 for not incorporating limitations of prior based and intervening claims, and
- (2) rejected claims 24-26, 28, 30-41, and 43-46 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 7,177,425 ("*Ben*") in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0204124 ("*Campbell*").

IV. Response to Objection and Rejections

Applicant acknowledges the agreement by the Examiner during the Examiner interview, as reflected in the Examiner Interview Summary, that claim 29 is allowable. Applicant further submits that pending claims 24, 25, 27, 28, 39-41, and 43-46 are also patentable over the cited references, for at least the reasons presented in Applicant's Amendment filed on June 28, 2010. Nevertheless, to advance prosecution, Applicant proposes amending independent claims 24, 27, and 29 in the manner suggested by the Examiner during the Examiner interview; that is, amending claims 24 and 39 by incorporating elements of pending claim 27, and amending claim 27 by incorporating some features of pending claim 24. As agreed by the Examiner, after entry of these proposed amendments, claims 24, 27, and 39 will be in condition for allowance. Moreover, the remaining claims will also be patentable, at least by virtue of their dependence form one of base claims 24 and 39.

V. Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests that this Amendment after Final under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 be entered by the Examiner, placing claims 24, 25, 27-41, and 43-46 in condition for allowance. The proposed amendments of claims 24, 27, 28, and 39 do not raise new issues or necessitate the undertaking of any additional search of the art by the Examiner, since all of the elements and their relationships claimed were either earlier claimed or inherent in the claims as examined. This Amendment after Final should allow for immediate and favorable action by the Examiner.

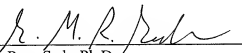
In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment after Final, the Examiner's reconsideration and reexamination of the application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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